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| Application No.: 10/817,125                      | Confirmation No. 1507                        |
| Application of: Muhanna, et al.                  | Group Art Unit: 3733                         |
| Filing Date: April 2, 2004                       | Examiner: SWIGER III, James L.               |
| Title: Ball Jointed Pedicle Screw and Rod System | Docket No. M112 1140.1<br>Customer No. 26158 |

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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